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1. The Nowa Huta steel mill complex under construction near Krakow has been renamed the Lenin Iron and Steel Works. Some sections of this plant, namely a coke works and a rolling mill, will be ready for operation during 1954. It was reported in early March 1954 that Kiejsztut Zemajtis, the Polish Minister of Foundries, had been staying at the Nowa Huta for some time to supervise the construction of the plant.
2. The exploitation of a large new iron ore deposit near Nowa Wies was begun in January 1954. Several other iron and copper ore workings, which had been abandoned for some time owing to their unprofitable yield, were also being operated again at the beginning of 1954.
3. The river shipyard at Glogow, on the Oder, is being rapidly brought to completion and is scheduled to begin the construction of river tugboats sometime during 1954. The yard is being partially equipped with Soviet machinery.
4. The Russians are pressing for increased production for the uranium ore pits in Silesia. Since no volunteer labor is available for this work, it has been decided to move the concentration plant at Raciborz to a new location near the uranium ore diggings. It was reported in March 1954 that some 4,000 prisoners were currently at work in the uranium mines.
5. The new trade pact with Communist China provides, among other things, for the delivery by Poland to China of machinery and equipment for complete factories.
6. At the end of 1953 the entire republic of Poland contained a total of something over 8,000 kolkhozes. This figure is far below the total claimed by official propaganda.<sup>1</sup> In the last quarter of 1953 virtually no new kolkhozes were established. This too is in contradiction to official Polish statements.

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